

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND PRADEMARK OFFICE

Express Mail No.: EL627430946US

In re Application of: LAY et al.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: PCT/US00/01294

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: 1/19/00

U.S. SERIAL NUMBER:

TITLE: ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED SEALING TAPE DISPENSER AND

METHOD

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 770P009746-US(PCT)

Box PCT The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified, patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After the Title and before the first paragraph, please insert the following new paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of the earlier filed International Application No. PCT/US00/01294, International Filing Date, 19 January 2000, which designated the United States of America, and which international application was published under PCT Article 21(2) in English as WO Publication No. WO 00/41960.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence A. Green Reg. No. 24.622

PERMAN & GREEN, LLP

425 Post Road, Fairfield, CT 06430

(203) 259-1800

Customer No.: 2512